

## PRIMARY AT STAKE IN WEST VIRGINIA

Both Parties Against Present Law—May Figure in Platforms.

### ONE JUDGESHIP OPEN

Democrats to Wage Fight on Sutherland With Anti-Harding Cry.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., August 12.—Charleston and Huntington will divide honors in a state political field day next Tuesday when democratic and republican conventions will be held for the purpose of nominating candidates for a supreme court judge and framing platforms for the fall campaign.

Only one judgeship is at stake—that of Judge James A. Meredith, who was appointed by Gov. E. F. Morgan the first of the year to fill the unexpired term of Judge Charles W. Lynch, resigned. It is expected that the republicans will nominate Judge Meredith.

No definite trend has developed in democratic discussion, but Circuit Judge J. M. Woods, who is presiding at the "miners' trials" at Charleston, was indorsed a few days ago by the Berkeley county convention. The latter action was taken after Judge Woods had announced that he is not a candidate. S. P. Bell of Spencer and W. Gordon Matthews of Charleston are also being mentioned. The former has been indorsed by the Mason county convention.

Of equal interest to the judicial nominations is the nature of the platform that the two parties will build. The democrats, according to present indications, will denounce the Harding administration for alleged extravagance and incompetency and indorse the so-called Wilson policies.

William E. Chilton of Charleston, former United States senator and a staunch Wilson democrat, is expected to have a leading part in the framing of the platform. He was an ardent supporter of M. M. Neely, nominee for United States senator who made his appeal chiefly on his Wilsonism.

The primary law is expected to come before both platform conventions. Opposition to the primary has developed to a wide extent and an effort to amend the present law is likely. Labor, however, is almost unanimously against tampering with it, and a large proportion of women voters are said to feel likewise, which may curb party leaders.

**Women at Convention.** Women for the first time will attend a political convention in West Virginia as delegates during the forthcoming gatherings. Both parties will frame platforms designed to appeal to the women, it is indicated, wherever this can be done without endangering the party.

Republican leaders, fearful that a bitter contest will be developed as a result of the five-year term of the governor, profess to believe now that this danger has been passed. The selection by "chairman M. M. Neely" of H. D. Hatfield, former governor and one of H. C. Ogden's most active and influential supporters for his fight for the gubernatorial nomination, to preside over the republican convention and make the keynote address is regarded as a happy omen.

Democrats profess to believe they have an unusually good chance to elect M. M. Neely in place of Senator Sutherland.

## PRIMARY LIVELY IN MISSISSIPPI

180,000 Votes Expected Tuesday, Probably 40,000 of Them Women's.

By the Associated Press.

JACKSON, Miss., August 12.—Mississippi's democratic primary next Tuesday brings to a close one of the most interesting and sharply contested campaigns of recent years among the three candidates seeking nomination for the seat being vacated by John Sharp Williams in the United States Senate. Nomination is equivalent to election.

Former Representative Hubert Stephens of New Albany, former United States senator, Senator James K. Vardaman of Jackson and Miss Belle Kearney of Florida, as candidates for the senatorial toga, have each contributed largely to the interest that usually attends such a campaign. According to well posted political observers, each will poll a large vote in Tuesday's contest.

Forecasts of the probable vote to be polled vary from 100,000 to 150,000. It is estimated that from 30,000 to 40,000 women will vote for the first time.

**Feminine Trend Uncertain.** The uncertainty as to the trend of the feminine vote closely coincides with the uncertainty that prevails as to the probable outcome of the candidacy of Miss Kearney. If she should poll as many as 25,000 votes a second primary will be necessary.

Mr. Stephens has been making an active campaign for the past several weeks, while Miss Kearney has been campaigning for about twenty months. Mr. Vardaman personally has taken no active part in the campaign.

The determination of the democratic state executive committee to prevent republicans and socialists from participating in the democratic primary, as they have done in considerable numbers in former years, has caused murmurs of discontent in the Vardaman ranks, because, according to democratic officials, they had counted on receiving approximately 20,000 votes from these elements.

**Opponent of Collier.** Representative J. W. Collier is opposed by J. R. Howie of Jackson, judicial attorney for the seventh judicial district.

In the fifth district, where Representative Ross Collins, a former-term, had been victorious in a contest with Mrs. J. E. Arnold of Union the voters were given a profound surprise by the last-minute announcement that United States Marshal Floyd Loper had entered the contest.

In the fourth district Representative T. U. Slason is battling with three opponents—B. S. Semmelman and S. A. Miller of West Point, and Jeff Busby of Houston. It is generally conceded that a second primary will be necessary to settle this contest.

Personalities became so pointed in the seventh district between Representative Quinn and his single opponent, Hugh V. Wall of Brookhaven, that they early abandoned plans for a joint debate.

In the sixth district T. Webber Wilson, district attorney, claims he will win over his opponent, Jeff Collins of Laurel. Representative Paul Johnson is not seeking re-election. Representative B. G. Lowrey of the second district, has a lively opponent in A. C. Anderson, a defeated candidate of two years ago.

Representative J. E. Rankin of the first district, and Representative Benjamin Humphries of the third district have been declared nominees of the party, neither having opposition.

## SPANISH REDS JAILED.

Two Agitators Charged With Spreading Seditious Doctrine.

MEXICO CITY, August 12.—Juan Calderon and Sebastian Vicente, Spanish agitators, and two Argentine radicals, whose names were withheld by the police, were arrested today charged with spreading seditious propaganda. The quartet had been active prior to the opening this afternoon of the national congress of delegates for young men, delegates to which were present from all parts of the republic and Latin America.

Those arrested are members of a faction here which at present is in conflict with what is known as the "yellow" who number among their sympathizers several high government officials.

## PUZZLE IN DELAY BY HOOSIER G. O. P.

Speaking Campaign Postponed and Issues Become Somewhat Uncertain.

Special Dispatch to The Star.

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 12.—All kinds of theories are being advanced about the decision of the republican state organization to postpone its speaking campaign. Announcement of the postponement followed immediately on the return of Albert J. Beveridge, republican senatorship nominee, from his vacation in Colorado.

But more surprising than the announcement was a speech made by Mr. Beveridge in which he hit foreign alliances. It was announced by the republican state committee that the speaking campaign will be postponed until the latter part of September.

Republicans say that "foreign alliances" is not a political subject, but some of the democrats point out that "foreign alliances" was one of the favorite themes of Mr. Beveridge in his primary election campaign. There is a good deal of curiosity as to what subjects Mr. Beveridge will discuss in future "non-political" addresses.

**Avoid Political Discussion.** But generally outside strictly partisan circles the belief appears to exist that both sides are anxious to keep away from actual political discussion and to devote their time to organization work which is going forward at the rate of several district meetings a week for each party. Democrats assume and say that the republicans are a little chary about just what position shall be taken on the tariff. Several newspapers that circulate in Indiana have been hearing down hard recently on what they call the iniquity of the tariff action that is being taken at Washington. Republicans have been doing their best out in the congressional districts to get the voters to look with favor on the tariff bill and have even started a motion picture film showing republicans of Congress at work.

It is apparent that the Republicans are not just sure what impression the tariff measure is going to make on the voters and particularly on the farmers.

**Governor's Coal Program.** Another thing that is important and is in the list of uncertainties is Gov. McCray's program on the coal strike. The governor has sent about 1,000 state troops to Staunton, Ind., in the coal fields and has declared martial law there. The troops are there to guard mines where it is expected coal will be produced for immediate state demands. Thus far the governor has received the strongest endorsement from a number of civic organizations mostly in Indianapolis. But at Terre Haute, in the coal fields large protest meetings have been held.

There is no doubt that the governor's action will bring praise from many quarters. Another situation of uncertainty is that relating to taxes. It has become necessary for the state board of tax commissioners to declare horizontal increases of appraisements in many counties. This action has been taken in the last week and many meetings are being held and protests are coming in. The tax commissioners assert that they will fight to a finish any adverse action that may be taken by the counties.

**New Issues Enter Texas Campaign.**

AUSTIN, Tex., August 12.—The entry of Maj. George C. Butte, former University of Texas law professor, as a tentative candidate in the race for United States senator on a progressive republican ticket, against the nominee of the democratic party to be selected August 26, broadened the horizon of Texas politics.

Dr. Butte was an appointee of Railroad Commissioner Earle B. Mayfield, leader in the first democratic primary, and run-off opponent of former Governor James E. Ferguson when he organized and operated the oil and gas conservation bureau of the state railroad commission after it was created upon recommendation of Butte and others. Butte practiced law several years, studied in European countries, and returned to teach law in the University of Texas. He served as a major during the world war.

**For Broad Issues.** "If I enter the race," said Dr. Butte, "I will make the fight on other than the dead issues now occupying the two candidates for the democratic nomination. I will base my candidacy on broad, fundamental, economic questions rather than on petty politics," he asserted.

Meanwhile, Railroad Commissioner Mayfield, who led Ferguson by 31,000 votes in the first democratic primary, and former Governor Ferguson, who led Senator C. A. Culbertson by about 14,000 votes, are pondering each on the issues of his first campaign. Mayfield is stressing repeal of the Esch-Cummings transportation law, and Ferguson is on his "light wines and beer" program.

**Support for Ferguson.** Many supporters of Senator Culbertson have lined up with Ferguson, including the redoubtable Barry Miller of Dallas, Culbertson campaign manager, who went down in defeat in his own race for re-election to the Texas legislature in his anti-klan fight on behalf of Culbertson. Many of the campaign clubs of Cullen F. Thomas, prohibition leader, have gone over to Ferguson, though announcement was made in Texas this week of the support of Thomas' brother-in-law, Senator Morris Sheppard of Texas, to Mayfield. Former Governor Hobby, who defeated Ferguson for governor, supports Mayfield.

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## D. C. MEN LOSE LICENSES.

Auto Drivers Penalized in Maryland for Law Violations.

BALTIMORE, August 12.—Lawrence Earl and Percy Shorter of Washington were heavily penalized for motor vehicle law violations, according to the weekly report of Automobile Commissioner Baughman, made public today. Earl had his license refused for one year for operating without a license and passing another vehicle on the wrong side, while Shorter's license was suspended pending investigation of a fatal accident. Other Washington drivers penalized were Joseph Fennick and A. F. Morcio, licenses suspended thirty days for speeding, while the licenses of the following were suspended for fifteen days for the same offense: Thomas F. Hennessey, Maurice R. Saks and Frederick W. Muller.

## POINDEXTER FINDS APATHY PREVAILS

Campaign For and Against Senator in Washington Marked by Listlessness.

TACOMA, Wash., August 12.—A general apathy has settled down over Washington state in so far as matters political are concerned. Senator Poindexter has made a swing through the southwestern part of the state. He has been given assurances of his nomination in this section, but nowhere has there been any great amount of enthusiasm.

The opponents of the senator are meeting the same kind of a reception. Efforts to enthrone the campaign are futile. It is generally conceded that Poindexter's nomination is assured unless there is a tremendous upheaval between now and September 12. Making it a making a good campaign. Both Judge Austin and Col. George Lamping are working hard. George Stevenson is a gun shoeing for votes. But all of these are only splitting the anti-Poindexter strength.

**One Real Congress Contest.** The only real contest in the congressional districts is to be found in the first. Here John P. Miller will find considerable opposition. Former Representative J. W. Bryan of Bremerton filed during the week in opposition to Miller. Phillip Gindall of Seattle filed some days ago. Bryan is a former progressive party leader. Gindall is now a new in state politics. He is a returned soldier and at present a member of the Seattle council.

Representative Albert Johnson will not even make a campaign. He is practically without opposition. O. M. Nelson has filed his declaration, but is making no effort to seek votes. Representatives Hadley, Webster and Summers are all conceded renomination.

Former Representative C. C. Dill has two opponents for the democratic nomination, but neither has started any campaign, while Dill has the state well covered with working organizations. His nomination, even at this early date, is conceded.

**Dill and Poindexter in "Final."** General feeling throughout the state is that Dill and Poindexter will fight it out at the general election. How close the fight will be depends largely upon the percentage of the anti-Poindexter vote cast at the primary election which will go to Dill.

The democratic will draw a heavy labor and railroad men's vote. There is some talk in farmer-labor ranks that Mrs. Astell's defeat for the U. S. O. P. nomination will carry her organization into the democratic party ranks behind Dill. There is some movement among the democrats and farmer-labor people to fuse after the primaries upon all congressional seats, picking in each district the strongest candidate, regardless of party, and place him upon the democratic ticket. This end means that candidates nominated by the primary ballots will have to gracefully withdraw and their places be filled by the central committees.

**Stand of Miss Daly.** In the opinion of the state leaders of the league, will serve to unite the members of the league in her support and will prevent any of the league members from straying into the democratic fold at the election in November.

As the result of her clash with Mr. Crill, Miss Daly has challenged the democratic nominee for governor to a series of ten joint debates, in ten of the leading cities of South Dakota, on the issues of the campaign. It is thought that Mr. Crill will decline to accept the challenge.

**Rejects Democratic Overtures.** These efforts succeeded to the extent of securing the withdrawal from the league ticket of Mr. Kleinsasser, but Miss Daly rejected the democratic overtures for her retirement in a public announcement which was motion picture film showing it "look out the hide" of Mr. Crill and other democrats associated with him in the alleged effort to "swallow" the South Dakota branch of the non-partisan league. Miss Daly also attacked Mr. Kleinsasser in very severe terms for being a traitor to his party at the opening of an important campaign.

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## WOMAN CANDIDATE REFUSES TO QUIT

Gubernatorial Nominee of Dakota Non-Partisans Defies Democrats.

### RACE IS SPECTACULAR

Running Mate, Who Withdraws, Scored as Traitor, and Opponent Challenged to Debate.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., August 12.—The presence in the field of Miss Alice Lorraine Daly, who was nominated for the office of Governor of South Dakota by the South Dakota branch of the National Farmers' Non-partisan League, furnishes one of the spectacular features of this year's campaign in South Dakota.

Miss Daly is credited with being a good speaker. Several years ago she began making addresses in different parts of the state. A favorite campaign plan of the non-partisan league is to have picnics held at points in the farming communities, which are attended by hundreds of farmers and members of their families, and at these Miss Daly invariably is the chief speaker.

Miss Daly first attracted statewide attention five or six years ago when she was a teacher in the State Normal School at Madison, S. D. Her views were deemed too radical by members of the state board of regents, and after extended correspondence between herself and members of the board of regents in a letter which attracted the attention of the entire state.

**Active in 1920 Campaign.** In the campaign of 1920 she took the field and did effective work in behalf of the league. She is the first woman ever nominated for the office of governor in South Dakota or any of the other northwestern states.

Since Miss Daly opened her present campaign she has had several clashes with state leaders, including Louis N. Crill, democratic nominee for governor, and P. P. Kleinsasser, who was nominated with her on the non-partisan league ticket for the office of lieutenant governor.

The democrats since the opening of their campaign have been striving to induce the non-partisan league to withdraw its candidates for governor and lieutenant governor so the non-partisan league vote could be united with that of the democrats in an effort to wrest South Dakota from the republicans at the election next November.

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